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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: FY 1974 IV PROGRAM: FAHRI-MEHMED KAJA

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1. KAJA WILLING POSTPONE TRIP ONE WEEK AS REQUESTED BY GAI.

2. AS FORMER JOURNALIST, CURRENT SECINFO, KAJA INTERESTS LIE MAINLY WITH MASS MEDIA. DESIRES VISIT EDITORIAL BOARDS VARIOUS SIZE NEWSPAPERS. SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS NYT. KNOWS DAN MORGAN OF WASHINGTON POST PERSONALLY. ALSO REQUESTS VISITS TO CBS, NBC. AS FORMER DIRECTOR TURKISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM, ANY OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE MINORITY LANGUAGE PROGRAM US WOULD BE USEFUL. HAS STRONG INTEREST IN SCHOOLS OF JOURNALISM AND TRAINING OF JOURNALISTS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS OBSERVANCE SUCH TRAINING AT TEMPE (ARIZONA STATE) AND CHICO STATE (CALIFORNIA) VIEW SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE SCHOOLS AND SKOPJE UNIVERSITY. WHILE BASIC INTEREST IN SMALL TO MEDIUM SCHOOLS AND NEWSPAPERS, ALSO DESIRES SEE FEW LARGE ONES. MIGHT VISIT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM WHERE DEAN RICHARD T. BAKER PERSONAL FRIEND OF PAO.

3. ALONG WITH JOURNALISM HAS DEEP CULTURAL INTERESTS. WANTS TO SEE POPULAR MUSICAL, BROADWAY HIT, AN AVANTGRADE PALY, BALLET AND MUSEUMS. INTERESTED IN AMATEUR DRAMA GROUPS AND UNIVERSITY THEATER. WHILE IN NEW YORK WANTS TO VISIT UN.

4. AS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, HAS CONSULTED WITH RECENT MACEDONIAN
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EXCHANGEES AND LISTS NIAGARA FALLS, CAPE CANAVERAL, GRAND CANYON,

DISNEYLAND, LAS VEGAS AND NEW ORLEANS AS POSSIBLE VISIT SITES.

5. RE VISIT TO USIA, INITIAL INVITATION EXTENDED BY DIRECTOR KEOGH DURING HIS VISIT TO SKOPJE LAST JULY. STRONGLY INTERESTED IN USIA ORGANIZATION AND WORK METHODS, STAFF TRAINING, POLICY GUIDANCE. RECOMMEND VISITS TO L,IEE,IOP,IPT,IPS (AI EDITORS), IBS (SERBO-CROATIAN SERVICE), AND ICS (MATERIALS/ BACKSTOPPING FOR USIC SKOPJE).

6. ALSO STRONGLY INTERESTED IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JOURNALIST AND INFORMATION SOURCES, MASS MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES (INCLUDING EXTENT OF DEPENDENCE/INDEPENDENCE OF GOVERNMENT OR PARTY POLICY.) THIS CONNECTION, ATTENDANCE AT WHITE HOUSE/ STATE PRESS BRIEFINGS WOULD BE USEFUL.
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